

CIRCLE OF SERVICE

Volunteering for any worthy cause requires a willingness to give of yourself. Serving on the National STMA Board requires considerable time and dedication. As our organization has grown, the level of commitment for STMA Board Members has grown proportionally. Last month, we acknowledged four truly special individuals who have contributed greatly to STMA during their years on the Board. From my standpoint, they are special friends who will continue to work to make this a better organization.

Eric Adkins, CSFM, stepped up to Board Service to fulfill the year remaining of Mike Andresen's term when Mike was elected as Secretary. Eric served as the Networking Committee chair, where his main focus was "tag-teaming" with George Trivett to co-chair the Membership Committee, working with the mentoring subcommittee, the student subcommittee, and the New Member Mania campaign. Eric is leaving his current position at Michigan State and his departure is a loss to our profession.

Monty Montague served from 2000 through 2003, first as a board member representing STMA's commercial members, followed by 2 years as Commercial Vice President. Monty's major focus was the trade show at the annual conference. He was instrumental in developing the priority point system for booth selection, in trade show promotion and marketing. Monty also served on the SAFE Foundation Board, chairing the Scholarship Committee. Always willing to tackle any difficult task, Monty wouldn't let go until he had all the answers and got the problem solved.

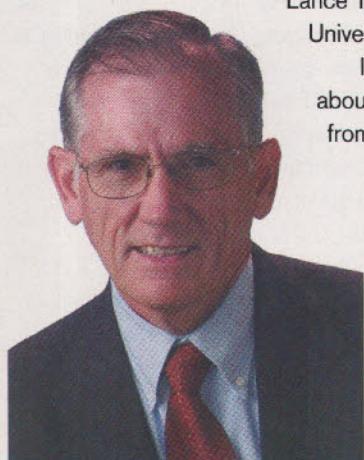
Dr. Tony Koski served on the Board from 1999 through 2003. As the representative of those involved in teaching, research, and extension, Tony chaired the Education Committee and from 1999 through 2002, chaired the conference Education subcommittee. Tony also served on the Certification Committee during the development of the program, including the competency-related testing component.

The Board tenure of Tim Moore, CSFM, stretched from 1998 through 2003. Tim first served as Board Representative for sports turf managers of park and recreation facilities, then served 2 years as Secretary, followed by 2 more as Treasurer, where he chaired the Finance & Audit Committee. Tim also has served as the Chair of the Awards Committee the past 6 years. He was instrumental in developing the awards criteria and the structure of the judging program. Tim also has taken the Awards presentations into the new century with his prowess in PowerPoint presentations. We joined the Board at the same time and over the years, I noted that when he spoke, thoughtful people listened and acted. I always valued his insights.

Given the rich history of dedicated individuals, I'm proud to welcome another four individuals to the STMA Board. These folks have stepped up to the challenge of filling the spots vacated by such a great group.

Please join me in welcoming Jimmy Rodgers, CSFM, University of Virginia; Lance Tibbetts, City of Westbrook, Maine; Dr. Dave Minner, Iowa State University; and Tra DuBois of World Class Athletic Surfaces, Inc.

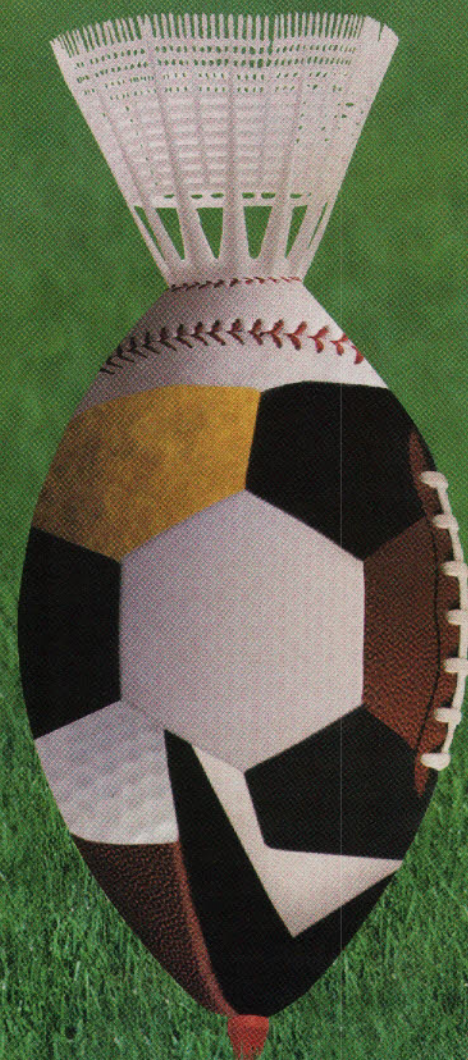
I know they all have much to give. I also know they are passionate about this profession and their role in it and know great things will come from their service.



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